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## Fearful Theatre Disaster In Chicago

### 500 PERISH

### PANIC FOLLOWS ALARM OF FIRE

### BODIES PILED IN GREAT HEAPS

### ESCAPE FROM THE BALCONIES IS ENTIRELY CUT OFF AND SCORES CRUSHED TO DEATH

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 30.—The new Iroquois theatre was burned during the matinee performance today and from three to five hundred people perished in the flames. The scene was a frightful one after the alarm of fire was sounded. The audience broke up in wild panic and hundreds were jammed in a mad rush for the doors. Men and women fought for places in the struggle and a large number of those who perished were first trodden down by the crowd. Dead bodies are piled in heaps in the ruins. The number of the injured among those who escaped is very large.

The fire started on the stage. As soon as the flames were seen beyond control the audience gave way to the wildest panic. Escape from the balconies was cut off by the struggling throng below and those whose seats were up-stairs could not reach exits. A number of employees were among those lost.

The performance in progress at the time the fire started was "Bluebeard." The theatre has been built during the past year.

### WARSHIPS SAIL FOR PANAMA TODAY

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—The gunboat Bennington and torpedo boat destroyers Preble and Paul Jones sailed today for Panama to assist the American forces in preserving order in the new Republic.

MORE RECOGNITION.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Costa Rica has recognized the independence of Panama.

THE DETROIT TO SAN DOMINGO.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

PORT OF SPAIN, Dec. 30.—The cruiser Detroit has been ordered to San Domingo to relieve the Scorpion which was ordered there yesterday.

AMERICAN DIPLOMAT RETURNS TO JAPAN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—H. G. Squires has been ordered to leave Havana for Tokio. He has been acting as American minister at Cuba for this year. He was formerly secretary of legation at the Court of Japan, but was transferred to Cuba as United States minister. Squires will now take a position in the Oriental diplomatic service of America.

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### NOW LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—The Department of Commerce and Labor has assumed charge of the lighthouse system of the Hawaiian Islands. The establishment of the Hawaiian system under the control of the Federal department will date from January 1. The Hawaiian lighthouses will be a part of the Twelfth Lighthouse District, the headquarters of which are in San Francisco. The assistant inspector for the Hawaiian Islands will be Lieutenant Commander Niblack, U. S. N., and he will reside in Honolulu.

Captain Niblack received a cable-gram yesterday from the Navy Department announcing that he had been appointed assistant inspector in charge of the sub lighthouse district of Hawaii. Captain Niblack's commission and official orders have not arrived as yet, but they are expected any time. They will come from the Department of Commerce and Labor.

The plans of the new inspector are uncertain. He has received no orders and until they arrive, he will not be in a position to take any action regarding the lighthouse system of the Hawaiian Islands. It is not unlikely that as inspector, he will have to make a tour of inspection of the district. Captain Rodman of the U. S. Iroquois has made a number of recommendations regarding the necessity of new lights about the islands. Captain Niblack will no doubt, be assisted in this matter by the recommendations of Captain Rodman, although the recommendations made by Captain Rodman will not be binding upon the new inspector. The Hawaiian Islands are attached to light house district No. 12 which is the California District. Lieut. Commander J. B. Milton is in charge.

No appropriation has been made by Congress for the care of the lighthouses of Hawaii. The Territorial government has been requested to carry the system for one month. Congress will be asked to make the necessary appropriation to reimburse the Territorial government for the expense of maintaining the system for January. A regular appropriation to continue the system after January, will be asked of and probably be made by Congress.

### Many Stragglers Were Left By The Fleet

ESTIMATED SEVENTY-FIVE MEN FAILED TO REJOIN VARIOUS VESSELS OF THE FLEET YESTERDAY AND ARE NOW AT HONOLULU—ADMIRAL TERRY LIKELY TO SEND THEM TO MANILA ON THE NIPPON MARU.

There are at least seventy-five stragglers from the American fleet now in Honolulu. The police have only about eight men in custody, so the greater proportion of the men who were left behind by the fleet yesterday are still at large.

None of the men are thought to be deserters. It is probable that the crowd overstayed their leave from the various vessels and were drunk at the time that they should have gone aboard the fleet, so allowed the vessels to depart without them. No man is officially a deserter unless he stays ten days over his leave. As a rule this regulation is not by any means binding. If it be shown to the satisfaction of the court-martial that the offender did not intend to desert, he is not rated as such, but is classed as a straggler. It is likely that this will be the case with the men who have been left behind.

Admiral Terry, the commandant of the Naval Station, has the disposition of the crowd. He says that he has not as yet made up his mind what disposition to make of them. It is not improbable that he may send the crowd over to Manila by the S. S. Nippon Maru which is due here Monday afternoon from San Francisco. She will sail on Tuesday for the Orient and Manila, so it will be a fine opportunity to send the stragglers over by her.

It is not likely that Admiral Terry will order any force of men from the local station to look for the stragglers. The police department will probably look up the missing men for the Naval Station and hold them on the orders of Admiral Terry. The commandant is of the opinion that when the men awake to a realization of their situation they will surrender themselves at the Naval Station and ask to be deported to the fleet, so that they can rejoin their vessels. This fact with the assistance of the police will result, it is thought, in practically all of the men being rounded up within a few days.

An officer from the local station may be sent on the Nippon Maru in charge of the stragglers. Admiral Terry has not determined this matter positively, however, and while it is likely that some officer will be sent, still the commandant will decide definitely upon that matter when the Nippon Maru arrives next week.

The stragglers are likely to pay dearly for their negligence in letting the fleet depart without them. If apprehended they will be charged with their maintenance and their transportation to Manila will be charged against them. Inasmuch as their pay ceases while they are absent they will be doubly out of pocket by their stay ashore.

### ENOUGH EVIDENCE FOR INDICTMENTS

MAJORITY OF TERRITORIAL GRAND JURY MAKES NON-COMMITAL REPORT, STATING THAT IT HAD NOT TIME AND THAT JUSTICE DEMANDS MORE THOROUGH INVESTIGATION—MINORITY REPORT.

The final report of the Territorial Grand Jury was made this morning to Judge Robinson, after a session lasting since September 8. The House vouchers matter is left for the next jury, the present jurors stating that they had not time to go into it with sufficient thoroughness. The report is as follows: "The Honorable W. J. Robinson, Third Judge of the Circuit Court, Territory of Hawaii. "Sir:—The Territorial Grand Jury for the September, 1903, term, herewith presents its final report. "This jury has been in session since September 8th, 1903, and during that time 116 matters have been presented for its consideration. Seventy true bills have been found and in forty cases the charges were ignored. "Among the matters considered were the alleged election frauds during the last election, a full report of which has been heretofore presented. "It has been brought to the attention of this body, that houses of prostitution exist flagrantly in the residence district of this city. This jury would recommend that the Police Department take up this matter to the end that the better element of the community be freed from daily contact with the evil.

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### THRUM IS TO RETIRE

HAS BEEN REGISTRAR EVER SINCE 1886 AND LEAVES THE OFFICE WHEN THE COUNTY ACT GOES INTO EFFECT—BUREAU OF REGISTRATION BECOMES A PART OF THE WORK OF THE COUNTY CLERK.

Thomas G. Thrum will retire as registrar on January 1, when the county act goes into effect. Thrum has had charge of the Territorial bureau of registration continuously since 1886, under all the various administrations of the affairs of the islands. The appropriation for his salary ceases with the end of this year, the bureau being abolished as a Territorial bureau.

The work done by the registrar is to be hereafter under the supervision of the county clerks and recorders. H. E. Murray, clerk of this county, will have charge of the Oahu county recording, and will be at the head of the bureau of registration as well as the general county clerk's work. The two departments will be maintained more or less separately, it is stated.

The number of clerks in the registrar's office now will be considerably reduced, as the office will only have to look after the work of this island, instead of the whole territory. Three clerks will probably be allowed by the supervisors. It is said that C. S. Merriam, at present chief clerk under Thrum, will have charge of the office.

Thrum's term of office has been a remarkable one for continuity of service throughout changing governments. Under the monarchy, the Provisional government, Republic and Territory he has served as head of the registration bureau.

### Colored Troops To Replace Artillery

In addition to the announcement made to Bishop Restarick by the Secretary of War, in a letter to the Bishop while he was in the states, that the Coast Artillery stationed here are to be replaced by infantry, comes the announcement that the infantry to be sent here are portions or the whole of the Ninth Infantry.

The significance of this part of the announcement is that the Ninth Infantry is one of the colored regiments of the army.

Some months ago there was a rumor that the Coast Artillery were to be replaced by colored troops of the infantry branch of the service, but it was never confirmed, and the artillery remained here. The present announcement, however, comes with more definiteness than the former rumor did, and is generally credited among the army officers stationed here.

It now transpires that while General MacArthur was in Honolulu he had other troubles than wars with Germany. A great many complaints are said to have been made to him about depredations on private property here, to the extent, it is said, that if the General believed all that was told him, he must conclude that the enlisted men out at Camp McKinley are burglars, larceners, looters and hold-up men.

Whether these reports had anything to do with the proposed change in the color of the troops to be stationed here, or not, is not known.

### TEST CASE BROADENS

The Supreme Court this morning took up the county act test case, Henry E. Cooper, as counsel for Treasurer Kapaikai in the suit thrown out of court by Judge De Bolt, outlined a further attack on the act than the one set forth in the petition filed by Matthewman and Hemenway. Cooper outlined two

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A STORY IN FIGURES.

The following figures are taken from one of the certificates of the Phoenix Savings Building and Loan Association.

Year.	Total Payments.	Cancellation Value.
First . . . . .	\$ 80	\$ 55
Second . . . . .	160	130
Third . . . . .	240	215
Fourth . . . . .	320	305
Fifth . . . . .	400	400

—San Francisco Examiner.

The following figures are taken from the Semi-Annual Statement of the Pioneer Building and Loan Association:

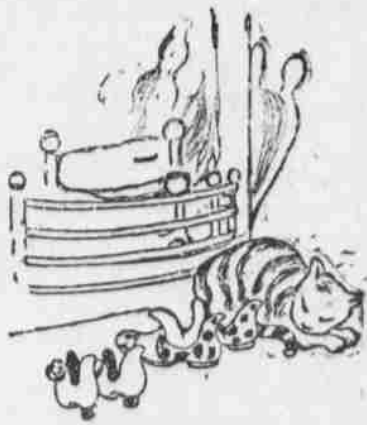
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